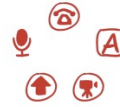


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VoiceThread is an online collaborative tool that allows groups to have 'conversations' based around 'media'.



Getting Started

- Go to www.voicethread.com
- Go to the **Sign In or Register** link
- If you have already signed up enter your details, otherwise click on **Register**
- Fill in your details. Your email address must be an existing address. Your password can be anything you choose. Click Register when you have finished



Sign in to VoiceThread

email:

password:

sign in

Not registered yet? **Register!**
Did you forget your password? **Reset it.**

Register for VoiceThread

name:

email:

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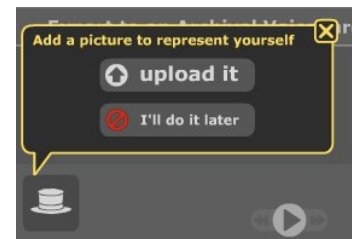
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register

Registering indicates you accept our Terms of Use.
Already have an account? Sign in. Educator? Click here.

Uploading a Profile Photo

- You will be prompted to upload a photo. To do this, just click on Upload it and you will be asked to select a photo from your computer
- TIP: You can upload any image to represent yourself. If you choose not to upload an image, you will be assigned an avatar



Finding your way around VoiceThread

The **Create** tab takes you through the process of setting up your own thread

The **Browse** tab allows you to access threads posted by other users

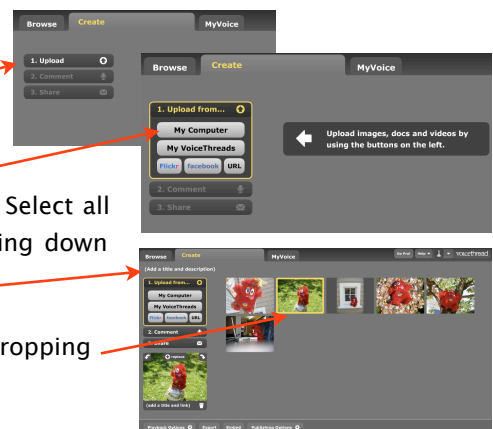


The **My Voice** tab allows you to view your own threads and your favourite threads created by others. You can also search specific

Creating a Thread

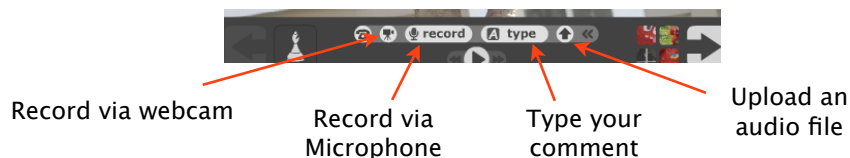
Uploading Photos

- Got to the Create Tab and click on **Upload**
- Select where you would like to upload from (ie My Computer)
- You will then be taken to the lists of files on your computer. Select all of the photos you would like for your thread. (Hint: By holding down the Ctrl key you can select multiple files)
- Add a title for your thread
- You can rearrange the order of your photos by dragging and dropping



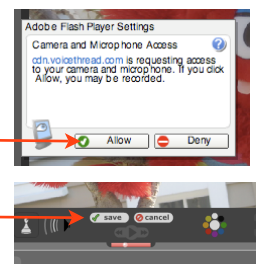
Commenting

- Select the photo you would like to comment on and click on the **Comment** button
- Click on the Comment button in the centre of the screen to view your commenting options



Commenting via Microphone

- When you choose to comment via a microphone, this dialogue box will appear. Click **Allow**
- You will be asked to start talking. Click on Stop Recording when you have finished
- You will then hear your recording. If you are happy with it click **Save**



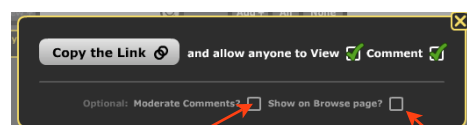
Using the Doodler

- You are able to 'doodle' on your image as you speak. Choose your pen colour from the palette and hold down the mouse button to draw
- If at any stage you want to review or delete your comment, click on your profile pic or avatar down the side of the image. Click on the trash can to delete



Sharing with Others

- The Share button allows you to invite others to view your thread by entering their email address or you can access a link to share
- If you choose to copy the link, you are given some privacy options



Check this box if you would like to authorise all comments before they are published

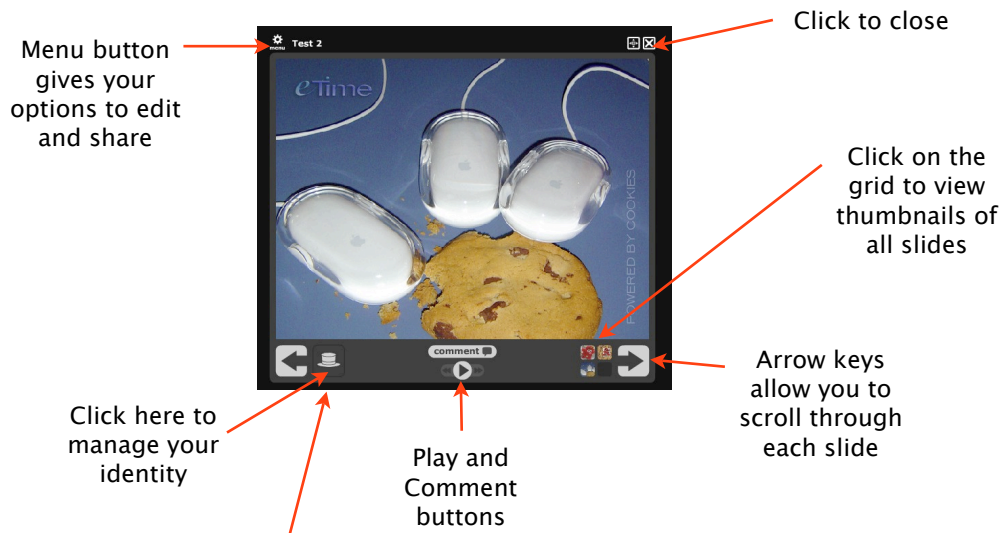
Check this box if you are happy for your thread to be shown publicly on the web

Publishing Options

- Bottom left of the screen you will see this toolbar for further options
- Playback Options – allows you to set the duration of each slide, adjust automatic settings etc
- Embed – allows you to embed your thread in another online environment (e wiki, blog, facebook etc)
- Publishing Options – allows you to again view the privacy options

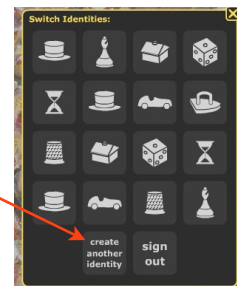


Viewing a Thread



Creating Multiple Identities

- Clicking on your profile picture or avatar will bring up this menu
- Select **Create Another Identity**, enter your info and upload a photo/image
- You can switch identifies at any time by clicking on your avatar and selecting the identity you would like to be



Support Material

- <http://voicethread4education.wikispaces.com> – excellent wiki that provides lots of support material and examples of how voicethread is being used in classrooms
- <http://digitallyspeaking.pbwiki.com/Voicethread> – good advice for planning an educational voicethread
- <http://passonable.edublogs.org/> – blog by Wellington teacher, Chrissie Butler (good class eg's)
- <http://marniethomas.blogspot.com/> – blog by Auckland teacher, Marnie Thomas (good class eg's)
- <http://voicethread.ning.com/>